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SUBJECT: DOWNED KOREAN AIRLINER -- REPRESENTATIONS ON
BEHALF OF KOREAN GOVERNMENT

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1. THE DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES THE ARGUMENTS ADVANCED
REFTEL, CONCERNING THE POSSIBILITY OF AN OFFICIAL SOVIET
REJECTION OF A FORMAL REQUEST TO REPRESENT SOUTH KOREAN
INTERESTS. WE HAVE, HOWEVER, ALREADY AGREED TO A FORMAL
REQUEST TO REPRESENT SOUTH KOREAN INTERESTS.

2. RATHER THAN LEAD WITH THE PRESENTATION OF A NOTE,
YOU SHOULD ORALLY INFORM MFA THAT THE ROKG HAS FORMALLY
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REQUESTED UNDER ARTICLE 46 OF VIENNA CONVENTION THAT WE
REPRESENT THEM IN USSR ON MATTERS REGARDING THE DOWNED
AIRCRAFT, THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO DO SO, AND WOULD BE GLAD
TO EXCHANGE NOTES WITH THE MFA FORMALIZING THIS ARRANGE-
MENT IF DEEMED USEFUL. IF MFA EXPRESS RELUCTANCE, EMBASSY
SHOULD INDICATE OUR WILLINGNESS TO CONTINUE COOPERATION
ON INFORMAL BASIS IF PREFERRED TO ARRANGE THE REPATRIATION

OF THE CREW MEMBERS, CARGO, AND EVENTUALLY THE AIRCRAFT
ITSELF. IN ANY CASE, HOWEVER, YOU SHOULD REQUEST ACCESS
TO THE DETAINED CREWMEN BY AN AMERICAN CONSUL IN VIEW OF

FOUR DAYS WHICH HAVE ELAPSED SINCE THESE MEN HAVE BEEN
ABLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH ANYONE IN TOUCH WITH THEIR
GOVERNMENT AND FAMILIES.

3. BY USING SUCH AN APPROACH, WE WOULD RAISE THE ISSUE
OF OUR RIGHT TO REPRESENT SOUTH KOREAN INTERESTS AT THE
OUTSET WITHOUT RISKING AN OFFICIAL SOVIET REJECTION OF A
FORMAL DIPLOMATIC NOTE. IT WOULD ALSO PLACE OUR REQUEST
IN A SETTING WHICH THE SOVIETS WOULD BE UNLIKELY TO
MISINTERPRET AS AN ATTEMPT TO GAIN POLITICAL MILEAGE. VANCE

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